GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:10
ANSWERED ON:26.02.2002
CUSTODIAL DEATHS IN NORTH EASTERN STATES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of custodial death cases during each of the last three years in North-Eastern States;

(b) the comparative all India figures of custodial deaths during the period;

(c) whether any reforms in respect of treatment of police with the persons in custody are proposed to be made; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a): According to available information, the no. of custodial deaths reported during 1999, 2000 & 2001 in the North-Eastern States (State-wise) are as under:-

Sl. State Custodial Deaths

No. 1999 2000 2001

1. Arunachal 1 1 0

2. Assam 4 4 0

3. Manipur 0 0 0

4. Meghalaya 0 0 0

5. Mizoram 0 0 0
6. Nagaland 0 0 0

7 Tripura 0 5 0

(b): The comparative details of all India figures on custodial deaths are as at Annexure.

(c)&(d): `Police` is a State subject as per the Constitution of India.However, the Union Government has been issuing guidelines to the State Governments, from time to time, to the effect that their police personnel should conduct themselves in a humane manner land that cases of police excesses should be taken serious note of and dealt with promptly and firmly. Human rights, as a subject, has been included in the training curricula of police personnel. Induction and In-Service training programmes also include special inputs to sensitize police personnel about the use of scientific methods for investigation. National Human Rights commission has also issued detailed instructions in this regard.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART `B` OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 10 DUE FOR ANSWE
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Sr. State/U.T. Custodial deaths

	1999	2000	2001
1.Andhra Pradesh	0	7	1
2.Bihar	1	0	0
3.Chhattishgarh	-	-	-
4.Goa	1	1	1
5.Gujarat	0	12	0
6.Haryana	1	2	2
7Himachal Pradesh	1	0	0
8.J&K	1	0	1
9.Jharkhand	-	-	-
10.Karnataka	0	0	1
11.Kerala	5	0	0
12.Madhya Pradesh	9	7	0
13.Maharashtra	10	17	0
14.Orissa	0	0	0
15.Punjab	3	7	0
16.Rajasthan	2	1	0
17.Sikkim	-	-	0
18.Tamilnadu	6	2	0
19.Uttaranchal	-	-	0
20.Uttar Pradesh	13	11	1
21West Bengal	6	0	0
22.A & N Islands	0	0	0
23.Chandigarh	0	0	1
24.Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	0
25.Daman & Diu	0	0	0
26.Delhi	1	1	4
27.Lakshadweep	0	0	0
28.Pondicherry	0	0	0